

I am pleased to recognize Special Olympics International for 40 years of service and commitment, and I wish the organization success in the years ahead.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF ED HAUSER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Ed Hauser, an activist who is well known to the people of the Northeast Ohio as "Citizen Hauser." Ed passed away early Friday morning at the age of 47.

Ed Hauser expressed his love for Cleveland by dedicating his time, love, passion, energy, and strong intellect toward preserving all of Cleveland's beautiful, recreational and historic sites. Ed was an engineer and worked in the steel industry in Cleveland until his layoff at the former LTV Steel Company 10 years ago. Since that time, he devoted his engineering training and skills to challenging the local powers. He worked toward the preservation of Cleveland's historic engineering wonders, including steelmaking facilities for a steel museum and the Hulett Ore Unloaders which graced Cleveland's lakeshore for a hundred years.

But Ed's passion was not limited to steel. Whenever the Department of Transportation, the Port Authority, the city, the county, or any powerful private or government forces proposed projects which would jeopardize local amenities, historic structures or places, Ed Hauser paid attention. He gathered the facts and made sure that all available resources were brought to bear. Ed was an expert in using our nation's laws to defend the public interest by protecting important places. If the structure had important historic value, no one knew more about invoking the National Historic Preservation Act to protect it. If there were implications for the natural or human environment, and the federal government were involved, Ed Hauser could be counted on to organize the people around the National Environmental Policy Act calendar. Ed understood that these laws were meant to protect the people and their sacred places. He took all appropriate actions to save Whiskey Island, the Cleveland Marina, the historic Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church and other structures threatened by proposed work on the Cleveland Innerbelt and the Huletts.

Ed was so closely associated with his activism and his knowledge of civic activism tools, that he was featured in a Public Broadcasting System special entitled "Citizen Hauser," which was featured at the Cleveland International Film Festival.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in celebrating the life of Ed "Citizen" Hauser, a true Cleveland treasure who dedicated his life to the people and places in his community. I am saddened by his untimely death. There will be no one like Ed Hauser, but we can hope that others will step up to help fill the huge void in Cleveland's civic life with his loss.

HONORING RICHMONDBUILD

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor RichmondBUILD from Richmond, CA, in my congressional district, a program that is leading the national trend toward green-collar jobs while simultaneously enriching the lives of students by giving them an alternative to drugs and violence. The Pre-Apprenticeship Construction Skills & Solar Installation Training program, run by RichmondBUILD, today received the 2008 FBI Director's Community Leadership Award, which recognizes achievements in the area of violence, drug prevention, and education.

With programs like RichmondBUILD, we can help train the next generation of Americans so that they can succeed in green-collar jobs—jobs that provide a secure future in the renewable energy and energy efficiency fields.

My recent visit with the RichmondBUILD students showed me the students' pure excitement in learning the new skills that will move them forward in their careers. Not only does RichmondBUILD help to stem the use of violence and drugs in our community, the program gives students the opportunity and tools to succeed in a new economy.

I invite my colleagues to learn more about RichmondBUILD, which has brought together community organizations, municipalities, and local industry and labor groups to provide such a successful green-collar job training program.

What Richmond has built with this public/private partnership is a model for cities around the country, and I commend the program's staff and its students for all of their hard work. I am proud to represent a community that includes programs like RichmondBUILD.

PACE STAFFING NETWORK

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I want to salute a company located in the 8th District of Washington, PACE Staffing Network, for earning the 2007 Alfred P. Sloan Award for Business Excellence in Workplace Flexibility for their superiority in providing workplace effectiveness and flexibility.

PACE Staffing represents some of the most prominent companies in the Puget Sound area and provides an invaluable service to employees and employers year after year. Whether looking for a career in health care or manufacturing, the hi-tech sector or customer service, administration or clerical work, PACE is quick to match you to the best fit in the region to help keep our economy compete globally with the most skilled workers in the world. Through changing economies, technologies and staffing levels, PACE clients know to expect innovative partnerships, savvy business acumen and prompt, thorough service.

Without an organization such as PACE Staffing, leading global companies in the

Puget Sound region would lack the resources to keep proper staffing levels and compete in the marketplace. Therefore, the recognition of this body goes to founder and president of PACE, Jeanne Knutzen, for providing a wonderful service while maximizing productivity and attracting the highest quality employees available.

IN HONOR OF COLONEL STEPHEN GREENE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of COL Stephen Greene, and in recognition of his outstanding service to our country. Colonel Greene is retiring after 39 years of service in the U.S. Army.

Colonel Greene boasts a successful and diverse military career, beginning when he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force (USAF) as an active duty enlisted airman from 1969 to 1973. During that time, he traveled throughout South east Asia and remained in the USAF reserves until 1975. The following year, Colonel Greene graduated from nursing school to become a registered nurse (RN). A number of years later, in 1981, he graduated from Basic Airborne School Fort Benning, Georgia, and from the Cleveland Clinic School of Nurse Anesthesia. He served as a certified RN anesthetist in the USAR 156th General Hospital, located in Parma, Ohio, and later had tours in Honduras, Panama, Kentucky, Colorado, Texas, Georgia and Germany. From 1998 until his retirement at the end of this year, Colonel Greene completed multiple tours caring for severely injured combat soldiers in Germany and Afghanistan.

Colonel Greene was promoted to colonel in the U.S. Army in November of 2001 and boasts over 20 awards and badges from his service to our country. The Bronze Star, Joint Service, Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the Expert Field Medical Badge are just a few of the awards and badges he has received throughout his 39 year career. Colonel Greene served as a senior nurse anesthetist (NA) at the Louis Stokes VA Medical Center for 7 years, prior to working as an NA at the Cleveland Clinic at Hillcrest Hospital, where he has been the last 7 years.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of COL Stephen Greene as he retires from 39 years of service in the U.S. Army, and in recognition of his outstanding dedication and service to our country, and to all the men and women who have served along with him.

AN APPEAL FROM A DAUGHTER

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, today Ti-Anna Wang spoke on Capitol Hill to